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Please register my OPPOSITION to the proposed Microsoft Settlement. It bears all the pentalty of a slap on the wrist, and all the teeth of the 1995 consent decree, which has fallen well short of its intended consequence.

The proposed settlement is, in my opinion, inadequate protection for consumers and competing businesses against Microsoft's abuse of its monopoly position over the PC operating system market. It is inadequate protection for consumers and competing businesses as Microsoft continues to leverage its existing monopoly into other markets; office software, web browsers, the Internet itself and its protocols, consumer and gaming electronics, to name but several where I believe Microsoft's dominance has allowed it to exercise undue and unfair advantage.

Microsoft has repeatedly shown that its left hand will continue to do what it pleases, while its right shakes hands in agreement and compliance. Throughout the trial, Microsoft proved that it is willing to mislead and obfuscate to maintain its position, as if it were playing a game with no rules and high stakes. I do not believe that any settlement which is fundamentally based on the concept that Microsoft is willing to play nice can or will be successful.

I encourage the United States Department of Justice to dismiss the proposed settlement, and encourage the Plaintiffs to seek a serious and enforceable remedy. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

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